

## **Egremont Board of Health**

**August 19, 2021, 10:00 am**

**In Person at Egremont Town Hall and Remote on Zoom**

**In Attendance:** Charles Ogden, Chairman, Dr. William Rose (remote), Ellen Maggio

**Recording:** Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. He noted the presence of a quorum, announced members and staff present. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes of August 5, 2021 with minor correction. Vote taken 2-0-1 (Member Maggio abstained). Motion passed.
- 2) **Straher/24 Lakeside Drive** The 30-day Conservation Commission application deadline is September 6<sup>th</sup> and the 90-day Zoning Board of Appeals deadline is November 8, 2021.
- 3) **Recent Field Work:**
  - Title 5/45 Blunt Road/Juliette/pass
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  - Septic installation/13 Baldwin Hill East/Juliette
  - Septic installation//114 Hillsdale Road/Juliette
- 4) **COVID**
  - Current cases:** A positive case was reported yesterday bringing the two-week activity to 4 positive cases reported.
  - School reopening:** Director Haas attended a SBRSD Zoom meeting including PH reps. from four of the five district towns and PH nurses and administrative staff. Superintendent Regulbuto will suggest the School Committee adopt a mandatory mask policy for all students, staff and visitors. A list of those on the staff who are vaccinated will be compiled. A school reopening document created by Sandra Martin of the Alliance was distributed. The group will hold monthly meetings in the foreseeable future.
  - Booster vaccine** While no state policy has been adopted in terms of scale of a booster vaccine roll-out, CDC is currently advising a third shot vaccine to those who are immuno-compromised. Booster shots will be available to those 8 months after their second dose.
- 5) **Mosquitoes**
  - Current Arbovirus reports:** while there are plenty of mosquitoes, the state reports are showing no EEE or WNV in humans or mammals yet this season in the Commonwealth.
  - State Opt-out Spray Program** Egremont chose to opt-out of mosquito spraying for this year. The board felt they may not pursue opting out next year.
- 6) **Estate of Gail Hennessey/18 Creamery Road** The board reviewed septic upgrade plans submitted by Kelly, Granger & Parsons and approved a LUA request of a one-foot reduction to estimated seasonal high groundwater under maximum feasible compliance. Vote taken: 3-0. Approved.
- 7) **Lance Vermeulen/183 Egremont Plain Road** The board reviewed septic upgrade plans submitted by Kelly, Granger & Parsons and approved a LUA request of a one-foot reduction to

estimated seasonal high groundwater under maximum feasible compliance. Vote taken: 3-0 approved.

- 8) **Southern Berkshire Public Health Nursing Collaborative** As the Town of Egremont receives PH nursing services through their contract with the Alliance, they will not be an official member of the Southern Berkshire Public Health Nursing Collaborative. Alford, Mt. Washington, Sheffield, Lee, Lenox, Stockbridge are members of the SBPHNC.
- 9) **Portnoff/136 Egremont Plain Road** Director Haas received information about a family living outdoors and camping at this property. Director Haas spoke to the property owner/landlord and was informed the family had to vacate because repairs were being made to the building. Due to the housing shortage the family could not find temporary housing and is living outside until the work at the house is completed. The landlord stated the work is scheduled to be completed in three weeks. The BOH will issue a temporary housing permit stating the family must have access to clean water to drink and cook, hot water for bathing, indoor sanitation for bathroom use. The temporary housing permit will not extend past October 1, 2021.
- 10) Meeting adjourned at 10:58 am. The September meeting schedule will be September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>.

Juliette Haas  
*Approved 9/2/2021*